

Docket No. KUHNPO101USA (formerly BARDP0101USA)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Applicant: Hans Kuehn  
Serial No: 10/716,167  
Filed: November 18, 2003  
Title: PLASTIC TUBE BODIES, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM  
Art Unit:  
Examiner:

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed, except for (a) those previously cited or submitted to the Office in the following application(s) upon which this application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120, and (b) any U.S. patent or U.S. patent application publication if the present application was filed after June 30, 2003 or entered the national stage under 35 USC § 371 after June 30, 2003:

Serial No.: 09/171,965 \_\_\_\_\_  
Filing Date: 10/30/1998 \_\_\_\_\_

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- (a) \_\_\_\_ A copy of each English language version of a search report (or EPO Search Report) indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office of each document being submitted from the search report, is being submitted herewith or has previously been submitted.
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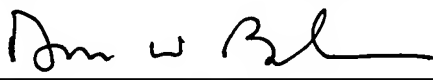
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Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date (MM/YYYY)	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing Date if Appropriate
	2,562,523	07/1951	Brunet			
	2,710,987	06/1955	Sherman			
	3,337,666	08/1967	Wilkins			
	3,855,380	12/1974	Gordon et al.			
	4,011,968	03/1977	McGhie et al			
	4,397,808	08/1983	Yoshino et al.			
	4,526,821	07/1985	McHenry et al.			
	5,407,629	04/1995	Schmidt et al.			
	5,511,686	04/1996	Gallay			
	5,674,448	10/1997	Slat et al.			
	5,688,570	11/1997	Ruttinger, Sr.			
	5,816,451	10/1998	Renault			
	5,823,391	10/1998	Klauke et al.			
	5,888,598	03/1999	Brewster et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	14 79 790	09/1969	DE				
	0 170 594	02/1986	EP				
	0 199 633	10/1986	EP				
	0 302 117	02/1989	EP				
	0 325 440	07/1989	EP				
	0 374 247	06/1990	EP				
	0 380 215	08/1990	EP				
	0 537 346	04/1993	EP				
	0 585 846	03/1994	EP				

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	0 677 374	10/1995	EP				
	2 545 448	11/1984	FR				
	2 191 730	12/1987	GB				

## OTHER ART

Examiner Initial	Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.
	Neue Verpackung, Gasdicht trotz Durchsicht, Oct. 1991, pp. 68, 70.
	Suddeutsches Kunststoffzentrum, Mar. 1991, p. 3.12.

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